Defalcations in Panchayat Courts.

44. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vytilla).*— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether complaints of defalcations in any of the Panchayat Courts had been reported to them;

(b) if so, of which Panchayats;

(c) what was the extent of the defalcation;

(d) what action, if any, was taken on them?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) Yes.

(b) Kattur and Trikkur.

(c) Rs. 64—4—0 in the Kattur Panchayat and Rs. 545—11—0 in the Trikkur Panchayat.

(d) In the case of the Kattur Panchayat the amount has been recovered from the clerk and he has been dismissed from service. In the Trikkur Panchayat necessary steps are being taken to prosecute the clerk.

Chalakkudi-Annamalai road scheme.

45. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chalakkudi-Annamalai road scheme is now under the investigation of the Government;

if so, what is the financial commitment anticipated;

(b) has there been any undertaking to make the scheme a financial success; if so, what is the nature of the undertaking?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(a) Yes. A survey of the proposed road has been ordered.

The cost of the scheme can be known only after the estimates have been prepared.

(b) No.

46. **Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur Town-South).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it undertakes to connect Chalakkudi with Annamalai by road;

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(b) if so, what will be the approximate cost of such a scheme;

(c) is the whole amount to be spent for the scheme from the coffers of the State?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(a), (b) and (c) No undertaking has been given nor any decision come to in the matter. Government have, however, just started a survey of the scheme.

Road Board—Final orders on.

47. **Mr. A Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether final orders are passed on the reports of the Road Board; if so, when; what are the terms of the order?

(b) will they kindly give instructions to the Department executing the work to

(i) give due prominence of the necessity of the various works being done departmentally;

(ii) to insist that labour for the works be recruited locally, as far as possible; and

(iii) that savings in the works of any locality be utilised for other works in the same locality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(a) Orders on the Road Board Reports were passed in the Government Proceedings Pw3.1262 of 1111, dated 29th September 1936; these have been published in the Government Gazette of 10th October 1936.

(b)

(i) The general practice in the P. W. D. is to get the works done by contract. It is not considered necessary to do these road works departmentally.

(ii) According to the terms of the tender notice and agreements, items of work requiring unskilled labour have to be executed by contractors through coolies recruited from the locality in which the work is executed.

(iii) The suggestion is not feasible of being adopted.

Public Library—Lighting arrangements.

48. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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